

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2515 - HB 2541

February 8, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: T.C.A. 40-4-121 specifies that legal process in all cases where a violation of the laws of the state is charged shall be returnable to the general sessions court in counties having a population of not less than 290,000 nor more than 400,000 according to the 1980 or any subsequent federal census. Under the provisions of this bill, the population restrictions would be changes to counties having a population of not less than 370,000 nor more than 400,000 according to the 2000 or any subsequent federal census.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - In the absence of the bill, affected counties would experience a shift in expenditures and revenues from certain court proceedings from municipal courts to the general sessions court.

In the absence of the bill, all cases involving a violation of Tennessee law in Hamilton County would be returnable to the general sessions court there and the nine municipal courts could no longer hear some cases as is current practice.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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